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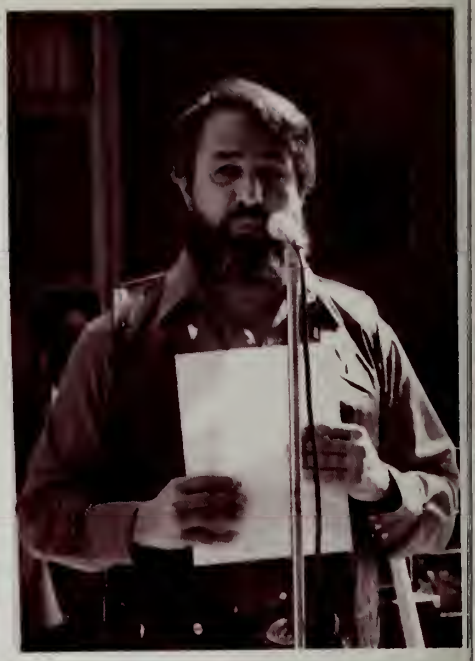
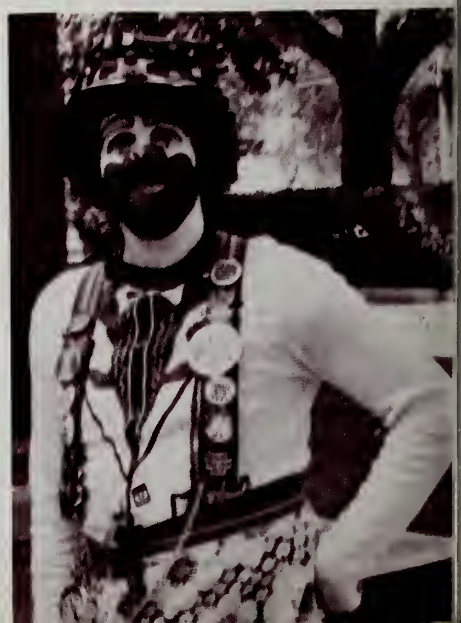
A Day of Celebration





On October 28, 1983, students and staff at NMSVH hosted several hundred guests on the campus in a "Day of Celebration." The day was set aside to commemorate the 80th birthday of the school and ten years of administration under Superintendent Jerry Watkins. Highlights of the day included dedication ceremonies for the newly constructed playground, which was designed specifically for the blind, and a "Brown Bag Concert" which featured musical groups from NMSVH.

The playground dedication was created by the four artists from New Mexico who designed and built the structure itself. Chris Spanovich, Jack Loeffler, Judy Boles and Susan Hamilton were on hand to greet guests and serve them fresh-baked bread (baked in an horno just feet from the playground) and jalapeño jam. Music and drama presentations were included in the ceremony.

The concert at lunch was held in the Rose Garden and featured the music of students and staff. The day's activities were concluded in the evening with a dinner in honor of Jerry.

Opposite, upper left: Ayocuan, a group which played South American music, performed at the playground dedication. **Opposite, upper right:** Randy Dominguez was master of ceremonies during the concert. **Opposite, middle right:** Chris Spanovich assists student Ron Lowe with an adjustment on his chair. **Opposite, lower left and right:** A Keystone Cop and Otto the clown were on hand during the day. **Upper:** Chris places another loaf of bread into the horno. Chris and others baked many loaves of bread for the guests. **Lower:** Joaquin Luna was one of the students who performed in a play directed by New Mexico playwright, Denise Chavez.

The spirit created by the "Day of Celebration" did not end on that day. After playing host to hundreds of guests and talking about NMSVH, staff and students seemed "up" for the challenges that were ahead. Throughout the year people were making interesting discoveries, many of which resulted in personal successes. **Opposite, upper left:** Frankie McMurdie found art projects a genuine source of joy. Frankie and his classmates (Hazel Hahn's primary class) were challenged by a variety of creative projects. **Opposite, upper right:** Joe Lopez learned many new cane skills under the watchful eye of Jan Caron. **Opposite, lower left:** Corey Patricio and Virginia Parr, his foster grandparent, adopted a cat that wondered on to the campus in the fall. Each morning Corey and Virginia met the cat and provided a grand breakfast. **Opposite, middle right:** Visiting artist Ken Keppeler taught George Ferry how to play the accordian. George proved to be an eager and willing student. **Opposite, lower right:** Jimmy Braddock was very methodical when he applied syrup to a pancake he made during "Pancake Day" in the library. **Upper:** Conrad Davis also enjoyed making pancakes. This popular activity was sponsored by Wanda West and Alicia McAninch in the NMSVH library. **Lower left:** Bob Disher took time before school each day to make sure the American and New Mexico flags were flying at full mast. **Lower right:** Wanda Heffron exhibits the joy one experiences after completing a run in skiing competition. She and several other students participated at the Winter Special Olympics in Ruidoso in January.

Desert Visions

The eagle slowly circles the barren desert below. He pauses for a moment, then the slow circles start again. A long stallion walks out onto a rocky ridge. He is as black as a cloudy desert night. I grow restless, move and the movement catches the stallion's attention. He stands motionless for a second, then whirls and leaps away. I glance up and see the eagle circling higher into the sky. I look around me and once again the desert is empty. And in the west there are the fading shades of sunset. I awaken to the sound of the roaring cars and wailing sirens. And instead of the rocks and sand of the desert around me there are four walls of a room and I realize it was just a dream.

Duran DuBoise

New Mexico, Land of Enchantment

During the winter our black bear sleeps soundly in his cave. While a blanket of snow covers the ground outside. Away in the mountains the pins of the pinon trees capture the golden sun's rays. In the desert our state plant makes a permanent home. A bird called the roadrunner roams the deserts with no destination in mind. The sunsets are a fantastic part of New Mexico. It adds life to the turquiose sky. Our flag stands out among the rest with its beautiful colors of red and yellow floating like an eagle.

Elaine Sandoval

New Mexico: A Land of Many Pleasures

Dry hot deserts, prickly cactus and yucca plants, Spanish and Indian cultures, that's what I see in New Mexico.

The canyon ruins, are a perfect sight to see by many travelers and vacationers touring through the land of pleasure.

Indian adobe pueblos made of rock, standing high and beautiful overlook a colorful and attractive mesa.

Navajo Indian hogans made of thin wooden logs look so elegant, standing near a large cornfield with sheep grazing in the far-off meadows.

The New Mexico Indians' way of life is still following the old ways they had lived for, for generations.

New Mexican food, so spicy, colorful and hot. Many people in New Mexico cook and eat posole on occasions like New Year's Day.

Those are some of the wonderful things I can see in New Mexico. I am proud to be a New Mexican.

Oleatha Davis

The Break of the Morning Dew

The break of the morning dew I look out my window and see the tall trees and the bridge that goes over the irrigation ditch that leads to my house. I get up and get dressed. When I get my cup of coffee I head towards the door. Outside I put my coffee down and stretch, smelling the pine and oak trees.

I'm getting a real good feeling about everything. As I'm standing there, my dog comes walking around the corner of my house. He comes up and sits down by my side. I say, "What a beautiful morning."

Albert Ortiz

Mountains

The sweet scent of orange blossoms fills the silky blue sky. Fluffy, milky, white clouds dance in mid-afternoon.

The scorching golden sun collides against the purple mountaintops. The odors of pine needles float in the wild meadow. The splashing fast waters whisper in cool mid air. Rushing down a wild curvy path, deep waterfalls drop down. Icy white crystals glisten in the amber shadows from the glare of the sun.

Wild flowers dance along the river side. peering into the clear spring water, They leave reflections of glassy stones against boulders pushing their way up towards the mysterious heavens above. The blossoms stand out like a picture in a frame upon a dark hillside.

Jolene Ortiz

Southwest Sunrise

Standing outside watching as the sun peeks over the mountains reminding us that it's time to start out the day.

Pretty orange yellow colors, stare at you. Standing there wishing the moment will never end. But nothing as pretty as a southwest sunrise could ever stay. As the clouds turn carnation pink and the sky baby blue, the beautiful moment has come to an end.

Brenda Platero

Students at NMSVH proved once again in 1984 that they are capable of venturing into new areas and succeeding. There seems to be a pleasant balance of educational activities provided for them at the school. Students take basic coursework that is designed to give them a solid foundation for future studies, but they are also given opportunities to explore new interests and ideas. During the course of the year numerous guests visit the campus to present exciting programs to the youngsters. Students also leave the campus frequently to experience happenings in Alamogordo and neighboring communities. **Upper:** Jody Sanchez (right) was one of several students who visited Ruidoso and Cloudcroft ski resorts each week to learn to ski. Qualified instructors guided the students safely down the hill while they learned their skills. **Lower:** Alicia McAninch scheduled a visit to her parents' farm in La Luz for members of Hazel Hahn's primary class. It was the first opportunity for many of the students to see and pet farm animals. A very young lamb seemed to be the favorite on that day. **Opposite, upper left:** Kelly Burma tackles a reading assignment during class. Kelly and many of her friends begin learning braille skills in the primary classes. **Opposite, upper right:** Lupe Romero gives George Ferry a hand during an art class conducted for Jack Hall students. This was George's first opportunity to paint a ceramic figure. **Opposite, lower:** Lupe Romero frequently accompanied Jack Hall students on visits to the library. After school hours provided ample time for students to discover the joys of reading.

Celebrate! 84

During the course of a school year at NMSVH there are many successes that staff and students have the opportunity to experience. Some are major accomplishments that receive much recognition while others are "little victories" that frequently go unnoticed. A review of the 1983-84 school year will bring these people and their accomplishments to mind:

Just before school opened last August **Shawn Martin** and **Gloria Lopez** attended an enrichment program for gifted students in Greeley, Colorado. They were the first blind students to participate in this type of program. **Eric Lilliquist** represented NMSVH at the National Association of Student Councils convention in Kansas City in June. **Katie McMurtrey** continued to work diligently with members of the Parents Who Care group and helped with their many projects. **Darlene Ellinger** made sure that all our bills were paid on time. **Nita Morris** helped students in **Paul Tapia's** class with a multitude of projects during the year. **David Soto** put a great amount of extra "zip" into the campus. He and the rest of the maintenance crew kept the campus beautifully groomed. **Barbara McDonald** worked closely with **Chris Spanovich** in selecting artists to visit the school. **Lillian Bob** landed first place in the annual fashion show put on by members of **Wanda McLain's** home economics classes. **Gabriel Platero** became known as the "computer whiz" in **Jane Korzan's** class. **Michelle Chacon** was selected for "honor or-

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chestra" at Sierra Elementary School where she spent part of each school day. **Joe Serna** was applauded by the auditors for his clean recordkeeping in central receiving. **Randy Dominguez** made sure secondary students kept track of current events in his social studies classes. **Jody Sanchez** spent countless hours working out with the new Nautilaus equipment. We expect to see bulging muscles before long! **Mike Power** won the VFW speech contest for NMSVH students. **Patty Harmon** was the sponsor for this activity. And of course, **Linda Zimmerle** made sure there were plenty of fun activities for students at the end of each school day. **Anna Mixon** made certain the "boss" was organized and kept a full slate of appointments for him each day. **Larry Meier** and his kitchen staff tempted us daily with their mexican plates and seafood dinners. **Susan Wride** served as senior class sponsor and helped with all the fund-raising projects leading up to the class trip to Florida in May. **Marie Divirgilio** was spotted on several occasions carrying a "portable potty" around campus. We never did get a satisfactory explanation for that behavior. **Conrad Davis** could be seen any day that the weather was good peddling his bicycle around campus. On student paydays **Ron Lowe** made a beeline from his job in the industrial arts building to the bookeeping office to deposit his payroll. And just when least expected **Ed Ekman** popped up to take pictures of all these activities.

When the doors at NMSVH opened late last summer, staff members began a thorough self-study which was completed in preparation for accreditation in the spring. As the study progressed, staff and students considered the strengths and weaknesses of the school. One of the positive features that surfaced again and again during these discussions was the effective leadership provided by the NMSVH Board of Regents and Superintendent Jerry Watkins. Members of the board include Dr. David Townsend, chairman; Jean Lee, vice-chairman; Sonja Lujan, secretary-treasurer; Cipriano Esquibel and J. Ventura Garcia. Through the support and leadership provided by these people, programs for visually impaired students in New Mexico have continued to improve and expand.

Opposite, upper: Members of the 1983-84 Board of Regents are as follows: (back row, left to right) Cipriano Esquibel, Dr. David Townsend, J. Ventura Garcia, (front row) Jean Lee and Sonja Lujan. **Opposite, lower left:** Dr. David Townsend presides over the monthly board meetings. **Opposite, lower right:** Jean Lee is the vice-chairman of the board and also serves as president of the foundation. **Upper:** Librarian Wanda West examines new materials with Superintendent Jerry Watkins. **Lower left:** Jerry emerges from the administration building to greet some guests to the campus. **Middle right:** Johnny Knapp gives Jerry a tour of the playground equipment. **Lower right:** Jerry puts the finishing touches on a report for a regents' meeting.

When the 1983-84 school year ended in May, Superintendent Jerry Watkins completed his tenth year as superintendent of New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped. During those 10 years Jerry has made countless improvements to the programs and facilities at NMSVH. One of his most noted successes has been increasing public awareness of the educational offerings for visually impaired children in New Mexico. Since he became superintendent two pre-schools have been established, in Albuquerque and Santa Fe, and an innovative and comprehensive outreach program has been developed. When Jerry signed on, one of his strongest convictions was "to serve visually impaired students regardless of where they attend school." That attitude remains today and impacts heavily on students and families who have need of services offered by NMSVH.

Jerry's achievements in education have not gone unnoticed by his peers or citizens of the state. He has won numerous awards including "Distinguished Service Award" from the National Education Association in 1976. In 1983 he was named "Boss of the Year" by the American Business Womens' Association.

Upper left: Jerry was on hand to accept a tree that was donated to the school by the graduating class of 1979. Ervina Bowannie (left) made the presentation. **Upper right:** That was the same year Jerry was president of the Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce. **Middle left:** 1981 found Jerry participating in a pie eating contest during a "school playday." **Middle right:** A "slightly younger" Jerry was principal of Central Junior High in Alamogordo. **Lower:** Jerry enjoyed a discussion with State Senators Wyatt Atkins and Charlie Lee during a legislative session in 1983.

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academics

Barbara McDonald, education coordinator, guided staff and students through another successful academic year at NMSVH. In 1983-84 several new course offerings were introduced to the curriculum including a microcomputer class and a pre-vocational training workshop. The Spanish class was also redesigned and attracted several new students.

An individual education program is provided for each pupil ensuring that their curriculum meets their specific needs. Input for this program comes from students, their parents and school personnel.

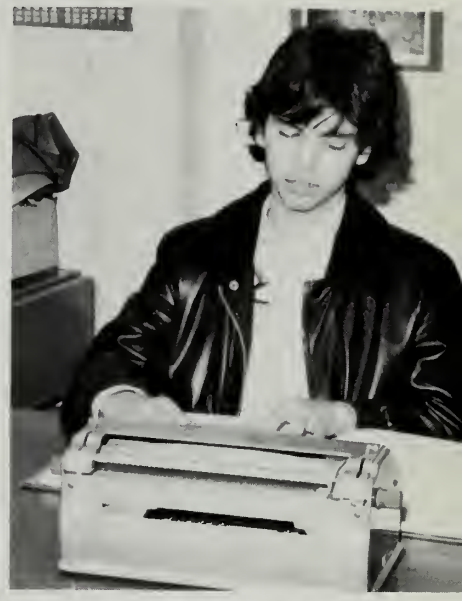
Opposite upper: Barbara McDonald, education coordinator, discusses an IEP with Susan Wride, diagnostician. **Opposite lower left:** Wanda McLain, home economics instructor, prepares to congratulate Lillian Bob at the annual fashion show. Wanda's students make outfits in class which are modeled at this event. **Opposite lower right:** Patty Harmon, English teacher, served as the emcee for the fashion show. **Upper:** Gloria Lopez (right), freshman, participated in a special program for gifted students at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley last summer. Gloria was the first blind student to be accepted into a program of this type. **Lower:** Joe Maes points out the correct equation in a math problem to Domenick Ludi.

Students at NMSVH have the opportunity to receive training in special areas that is frequently not available in local school systems. Instruction is offered in low vision as well as orientation and mobility. **Left:** Duran Duboise received training in traveling from Mark Carter during the summer.

Mark and Jan Caron, orientation and mobility instructors at NMSVH, traveled to the home communities of several students to train them in travel skills. **Upper right:** Jan Caron anxiously awaits the arrival of students for one of her morning classes. Jan never explained why the cane in her left hand seemed to glow. **Lower right:** Tiffany Werner utilized a closed-circuit television system on many of her reading assignments. Images can be magnified with this device.

Upper left: Elaine Sandoval gives her poem a last-minute scan before reading the selection to an audience at a reading in Patty Harmon's English class. **Lower:** Students in Patty's class also had an opportunity to compete in a speech contest sponsored by the VFW. Patty is pictured with the winners at NMSVH: (left to right) Gabriel Platero, third; Mike Power, first; Jolene Ortiz, second. **Upper right:** Eric Lilliequist gets assistance from Tad Van Gilder, his English teacher at Alamogordo Senior High School. Several students attended some classes in the Alamogordo system.

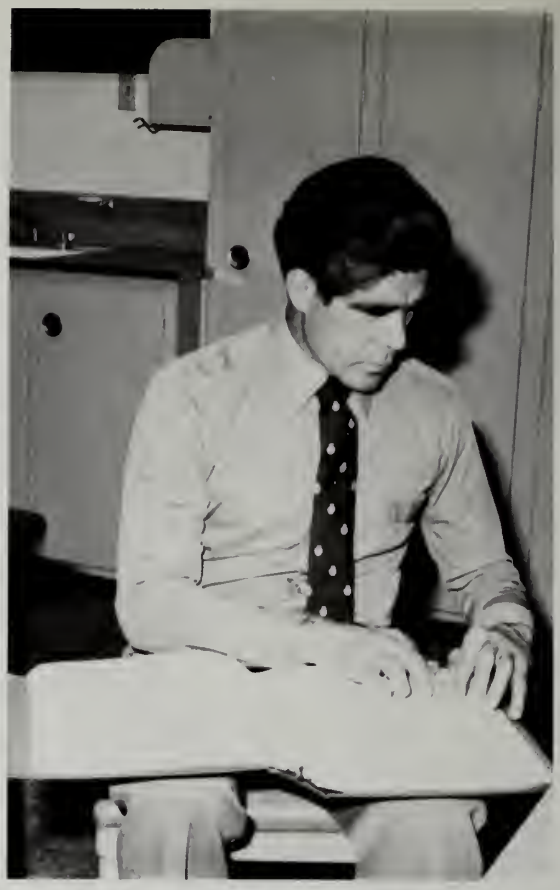
Left: Shawn Martin tackles a reading assignment using the Kurzweil Reading Machine. This device reads printed material and produces synthetic speech. Students have access to CCTV systems, the Versabrailler and the Optacon. Computer education is also available to secondary students. **Upper right:** Robert Abeyta uses a braillewriter to complete an assignment. Braille instruction begins in the primary classes for students who are braille readers. **Lower right:** Johnna Dorsett, a junior, flashed this smile at the end of a Friday school day.



For many years now NMSVH has participated in the Artists-in-Schools program, which is funded by the New Mexico Arts Division and the National Endowment for the Arts. Through this program, students meet and work with some of the top artists in the country. 1983-84 proved to be another exceptional year with 11 artists visiting the campus.

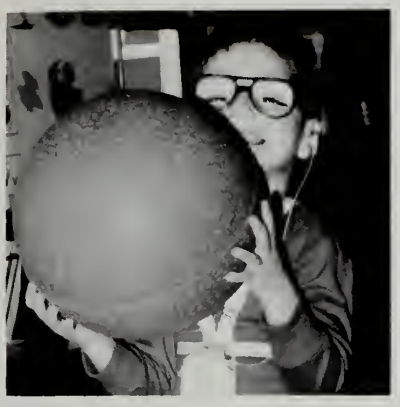
Opposite upper right: Chris Spanovich helps Jimmy Braddock at the potter's wheel. Chris, a potter from Chimayo, also serves as visiting artists coordinator for NMSVH. Chris helps in the selection of people to visit here and frequently accompanies them on their first trip to Alamogordo. **Opposite upper left:** Zuleikha, a dancer from Santa Fe, worked with many different age groups when she was here in the spring. **Opposite lower:** Jean McLerie and her husband Ken Keppeler are musicians with a passion for American Folk music. They spent much time playing for the students in Jack Hall. George Ferry and Steve Ulrich accompanied them on some songs. **Upper:** Tim Thompson was here in the fall and he and several students worked on three different drama projects which were videotaped. Tim is an actor who currently resides in Santa Fe. **Lower:** Loren Kahn paid a return visit to NMSVH in May and involved students in the making of puppets and producing a show.

Opposite: Students in Jane Korzan's computer class spent many hours working with various microcomputers. Tiffany Werner enjoyed her time with the computers. "It's really fun. We get to use the computers to play different games. The apple is really fun because there are different colors on the screen." **Opposite, inset:** Pat Kraft, (middle) education secretary, monitors the work of Lawrence Otero and Jack Anderson. Students at NMSVH had an opportunity to test their skills when a traveling computer exhibit was brought to the campus. **Upper:** The 7-UPS, the NMSVH vocal ensemble, logged another busy year. The group performed at the "Day of Celebration" activities at NMSVH, United Way luncheons, Las Cruces Lions Club and an education conference in Las Cruces in addition to numerous festivals and other competitive events. Members include: (bottom to top) Mike Power, Duran DuBoise, Eric Lillie quist, Gabriel Platero and Domenick Ludi. Marilyn Woods is sponsor for the ensemble. **Lower right:** Ellen Nolan gets a strenuous workout on the Nautilus equipment during gym class. Instructors are Jack Harmon and Nova Hutchison. **Middle left:** Freedie Freeland paints during art class. **Lower left:** Gee Gee Samora welcomed her time out on the slopes. Several students had opportunities to ski again this year.



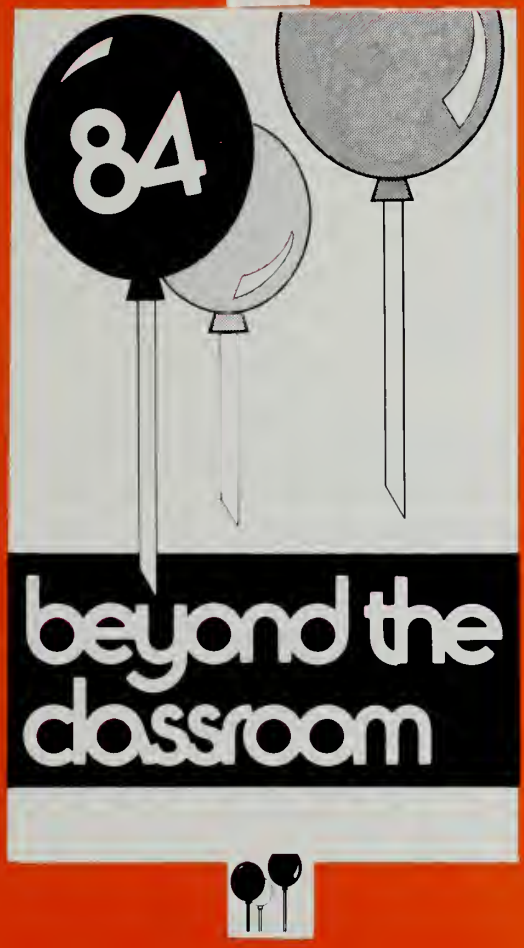
Upper left: Members of Hazel Hahn's primary class visited the farm of Lalie Sanchez (Alicia McAninch's father) in April. Frankie McMurdie, Jimmy Braddock, Seriashia Chatters, Conrad Davis and Sarah Isambert enjoyed looking at the pigs. **Upper right:** Paul Tapia spent much time preparing materials for his primary class. **Lower left:** Celina Tekala works on a homework assignment. **Lower right:** Kelly Burma and her teacher, Hazel Hahn, enjoy a meal at a local restaurant. Students were given opportunities to test their eating skills on off-campus outings.

Left: Jimmy Braddock and Frankie McMurdie measure out flour in preparation for making pancakes. The occasion was "Pancake Day" and was part of a Friday afternoon story hour sponsored by the library. Wanda West and Alicia McAninch provided a variety of activities for these Friday afternoon sessions. **Upper right:** Jimmy Braddock learned a great deal about making pottery this year. Here he centers his clay before throwing a pot. **Lower right:** Laura Chappel, teacher's aide, helps Seriashia Chatters on an assignment in primary class. Laura assists Hazel Hahn in the primary classroom.



The multihandicapped program offers a wide range of educational opportunities to students. The program, headed by Betty Weber, continues to expand and improve its services to children with special problems. **Opposite upper:** Betty Weber engages Lucio and Becky Baca in an exercise utilizing puppets. **Opposite left:** Robin Goold, occupational therapist, supervises a training session with Chuck Crawford. The purpose of this program is to maximize student performance through therapeutic intervention. **Opposite right:** Dennis Baca gets assistance from instructor Max Ray in uncoiling copper wire on an armature. Max and Christine Clements worked with multihandicapped students in a pre-vocational workshop that was established this year. **Upper left:** Steve Ulrich chose to play the cymbals during a music activity. **Upper right:** George Ferry plays ball in Cheryl Shultz's class to improve motor-sensory skills. **Lower:** Diane Wareman helps Eric Lopez with an art project.

Upper: (left to right) Gee Gee Samora, Freddie Freeland, Michelle Lucero and Eric Lopez made pillows in home ec class and entered them in the style show. **Lower left:** Michelle Lucero and Kim Lujan enjoyed a soft drink on "hat day" at NMSVH. This activity was sponsored by the student council. **Lower right:** Gerald Peralta had an opportunity to decorate the Christmas tree in the Jack Hall building. Students made many of the decorations as class projects.



beyond the classroom

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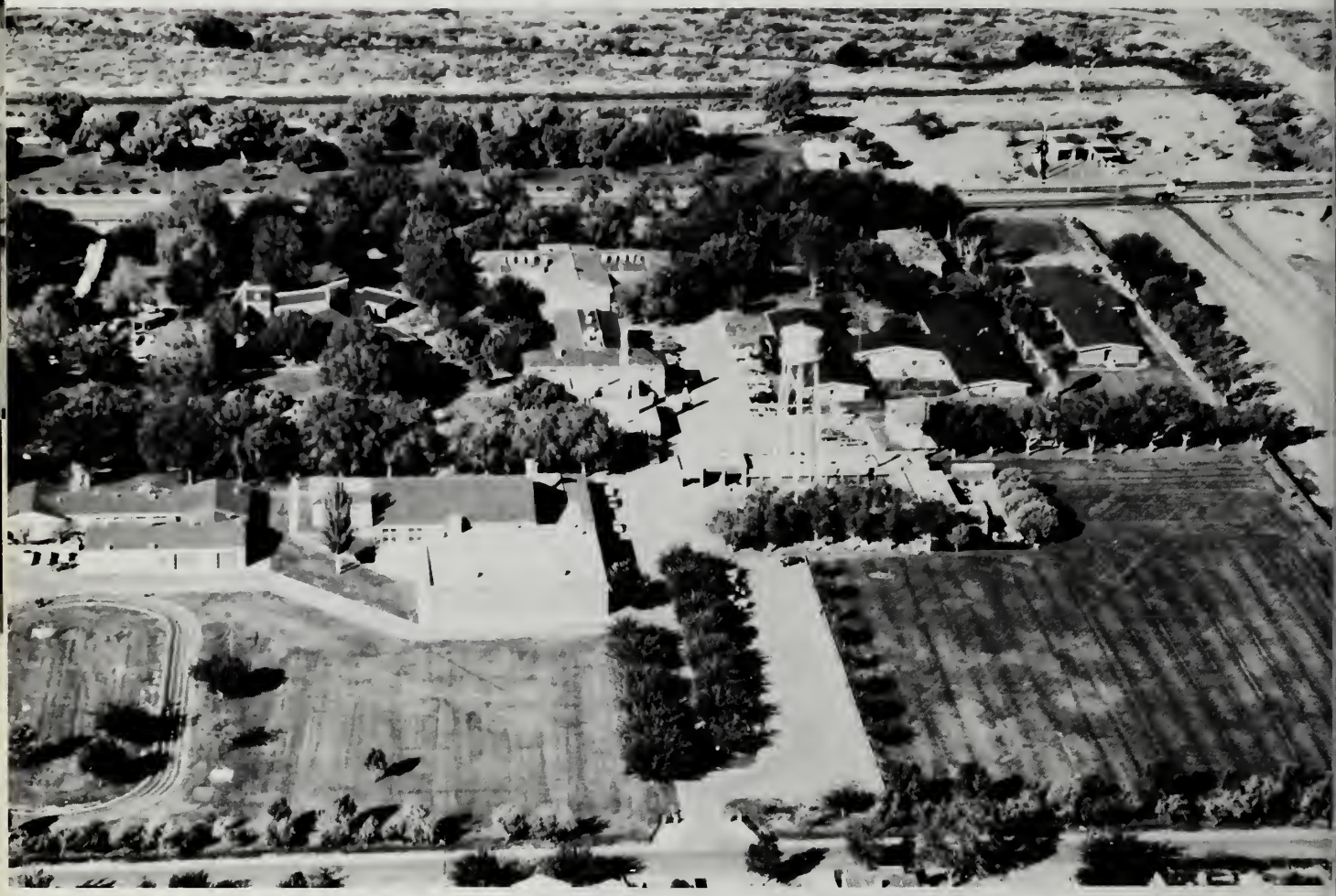
Educators frequently agree on the idea that young people, particularly in a residential setting, need a wide variety of educational activities. NMSVH lends itself very favorably to this notion as staff and students frequently have opportunities to work on projects outside the classroom. Often the lessons learned in this type of environment rival that of a more structured setting. It is here that teachers and students get to know each other as people. Many of the activities that happened "beyond the classroom" were captured on film during the year. **Opposite upper:** Albert Ortiz, Gloris Platero and Brenda Platero soaked up some fall sun while listening to a poetry reading on the "Fort Watkins" playground. **Opposite left:** Wrestling coach Paul Tapia presented an award to Shawn Martin for his efforts during the season. **Opposite right:** Red Soistman and Randy Bonnell rode in the flex bus with several students during the Christmas parade in Alamogordo. Staff and students combined efforts to decorate the bus and landed second place in the secular motorized division. **Upper left:** Art Garvin, a volunteer from the Rio Grande Zoo in Albuquerque, visited the campus as part of a "Zoo to You" exhibit that travels the state. Sarah Isambert shared her first experience touching a boa constrictor with Hazel Hahn and Laura Chappell. **Upper right:** Lucio Baca signals that he is ready to change activities. **Lower:** Lola Casares received a hug from Marie DiVirgilio after a special olympics training session.



Upper: Dora Vaughns gave Dennis Baca a hearty welcome when he arrived back on campus after a vacation. **Opposite upper left:** Mike Moreland's face reveals the appreciation for the vest that was presented to him by the people in the Jack Hall building. Mike, who works in maintenance, was suprised by a party held in his honor last fall. **Opposite upper right:** Robert Oritz (left) came down a large slide with Mark Carter during the New Mexico State Fair in Albuquerque in September. NMSVH students were treated to free admission on "Handicapped Day." **Opposite lower:** This is an aerial view of the campus in mid-October. NMSVH still occupies the original tract of land that was purchased in 1903. The school opened in 1906, six years before New Mexico became a state.

Upper: The west wall in Hazel Hahn's primary class was an excellent showcase for students' work. It was a real honor for students to display their papers in the "Gallery of Great Work." **Lower:** Gee Gee Samora enjoyed a bear hug from "Grimace" during a special activitiy sponsored by the library and McDonald's restaurant. **Opposite upper left:** Gee Gee Samora and Lola Casares had an enthusiastic farewell for Fred Baker prior to a trip home. Fred supervised dorm activities this year. **Opposite upper right:** Distribution of the yearbooks in September provided interesting discoveries for staff and students. **Opposite middle right:** Werner Jauch grabbed a nap while Rolf Lewis drove the Greyhound bus on a school trip. Several NMSVH staff members serve as drivers when vacation time rolls around. **Opposite lower:** Shawn Martin handled this opponent during the annual Invitational Wrestling Tournament in December. Shawn captured third place in the 112 pound division.

TECHNOLOGICAL ADAPTATI
beyond the classroom

There are many after-school activities available for students who enjoy them. Various clubs and organizations are active on the campus. Through these extracurricular activities, students are treated to many new experiences. **Opposite upper:** Under the direction of Gwen Arney, several students in the multihandicapped program were active in a 4-H club. Members included (front) Corey Patricio, Paula Clothier, Gee Gee Samora; (middle) Kelly Crosby, Freddie Freeland, Cheryl Smith, Eric Lopez, Grandmother Lucillia Baroz; (back) Gwen Arney, Dennis Baca, Roberta Price, Robert Ortiz and Shonna Seawell. **Opposite lower:** The music workshop is a group of students headed by Scott Kyle that play rock n' roll and country music. The group has become very popular locally and played concerts at Holloman Junior High School and Cloudcroft High School. **Upper:** Three athletes competed in wrestling this year. Merlin Ortiz, Shawn Martin and David Ingersoll were coached by Paul Tapia (back left) and Pat Vigil. **Lower:** Red Soistman was on hand for the Valentine goodies auction sponsored by the student council. Alicia McAninch and Mike Power read the bids for the baked goods. **Middle:** Student council members and sponsors included: (front) Tiffany Werner, DeeAnn Weber, Beverly Briggs, Alicia McAninch, Eric Lilliequist, (back) Oletha Davis, Lillian Bob, Sylvia Dooley, Shawn Martin, Gloriz Lopez and Fred Baker. Sponsor Pat Thomas is not pictured.

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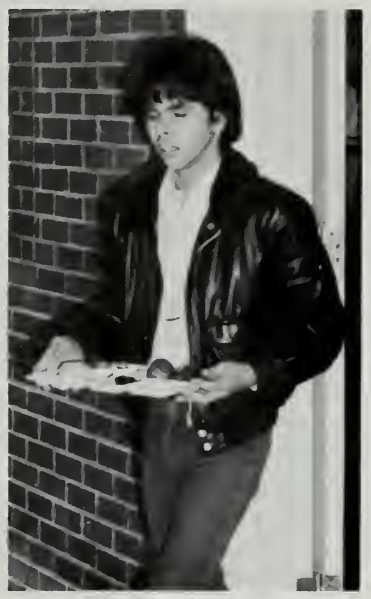
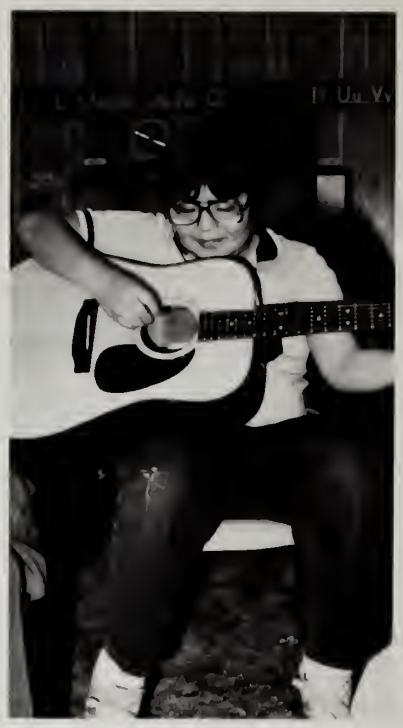
Opposite: This photo shows a student weaving in a class at NMSVH. The picture is believed to have been taken in the 1920's. **Lower:** Fred Baker, dormitory coordinator, demonstrates the correct technique for giving CPR.

Dora Vaughns looks on during the training, which was attended by all dormitory staff. **Top right:** Robert Abeyta prepares for lunch in the dining hall. **Middle right:** Dwight Ohlinger (right) presented a check to seniors Duran Duboise and Marcos Romero for their senior trip. Dwight presented the check from the High Rolls Lion's Club. **Lower right:** Jerry Watkins reacts to a surprise birthday party. Most staff and students were on hand for this event.



Upper: Eric Lopez and Betty Weber were on the program at the Special Olympics kickoff breakfast which was held on the campus in February. Eric and many of his classmates trained for several months prior to Special Olympics competition in May. Betty served as the coordinator for Region VIII of that organization. **Lower:** Kelly Crosby and Dennis Baca were on hand for a dance in Garrett Dorm. Several dances are held each year and students find them very enjoyable.



Upper: Conrad Davis spent time learning to play guitar in after-school music sessions with Scott Kyle. Scott spends a great deal of time with students in the multihandicapped program helping them learn to make music. **Lower:** Robert Ortiz is ready to take the plunge into the pool. Robert developed his underwater swimming skills through exercises in Nova Hutchison's physical education class and leisure time swimming sponsored by the recreation center.

Upper: Brenda Platero (right) was one of many staff and students who participated in a research project on travel skills of the blind. A new guidance system was field tested by people at NMSVH. **Lower:** Clif McDonald, Otero County Assessor, served as the auctioneer for the Thanksgiving Day goodies auction sponsored by Student Council. The council raised considerable money through this effort. McDonald frequently serves as auctioneer for public service activities in this area.

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When the school day ends at 3:00 most teachers are ready to go home, pull off their shoes and read the evening paper. But, for the students at NMSVH, this seems to be a time when they can release some energy and get their mind off of school work. And instead of reading the newspaper, they head for the bowling alley or the weight room or to the recreation center to find an enjoyable way to spend the afternoon. Red Soistman and Linda Zimmerle work very closely to see that there are ample recreational activities available for the students. Many leisure hours are spent in the rec center, but students also get off campus frequently to pursue their leisure interests. **Opposite upper:** Shawn Martin was one of several students who received ski instruction at Sierra Blanca Ski resort each week. Students also tried the slopes at Cloudcroft during the winter months. **Opposite lower left, lower right:** Jack Hall students spent many hours on the playground behind their building. One of the foster grandparents was on hand to help "keep things swinging." **Upper:** Alicia McAninch found a new way to amuse herself during football season. When a "friend" presented her a Dallas Cowboy poster, she figured out how to use it in a more satisfying manner. **Lower:** Domenick Ludi tests his skills at a local arcade.

Upper left: Secondary students gather in the rose garden for a cookout sponsored by the recreation staff. Linda Zimmerle, Randy Bonnell and Kevin Eoff usually handle the cooking chores for these special meals. **Lower left:** Jimmy Braddock and Steve Robertson use the tandem bicycle from the rec center. **Upper right:** Loren Kahn entertained students during an afternoon puppet show featuring "Natalia." **Middle right:** Caroline Lawrence worked in the gymnasium in the evenings and kept students involved in athletic events. **Lower right:** Seriashia Chatters found "Hat Day" a fun experience. This day was sponsored by the student council.

Swimming is an activity that is enjoyed by a large number of students at NMSVH. Nova Hutchison incorporates a unit on swimming into her PE program so the kids get a chance to learn to feel comfortable and confident in the water. **Upper:** Steve Robertson enjoys a relaxing dip during one of the swimming sessions for students. Several times a week the pool is open for students to use as a leisure activity. On other evenings the facilities are open to staff members and their families. Yvette Trujillo and Judy Volin served as the lifeguards this year. They were on hand during all school related activities in the pool to assure student safety.

Upper: Linda Zimmerle, recreation coordinator, puts the finishing touches on the entries for the arts and crafts show sponsored by the recreation department. The competition, which was open to all staff and students, attracted a large number of participants. Blue ribbon winners included: Judy Hendrickson, Sylvia Dooley, Pat Woodle, Betty Weber, Nova Hutchison, Tiffany Werner, Diane Campbell, Carla Horn, Jack Harmon, Darlene Ortiz, Marie DiVirgilio, Patty Harmon and Mark Carter. **Lower:** Jimmy Braddock tries his hand at one of the video games in the rec center. Students have several game selections to choose from. **Opposite upper left:** Chuck Crawford and David Baca had opportunity on occasion to use the equipment in the therapy room "just for fun." **Opposite upper right:** Corey Patricio spent some leisure time working out on the Nautilus equipment in the gym. **Opposite lower:** Mike Power provides an excellent opportunity of what break dancing is all about. Many students got involved in this popular activity which is sweeping the nation.

Left: Mike Power prepares to make his approach during one of the bowling nights in the recreation center. This is an extremely popular activity and the facility is open to all students including the multihandicapped. Special adaptive equipment is available for those who need it. Mike was one of the students who spent part of his time working in the bowling alley, which features automatic pin-setting equipment.

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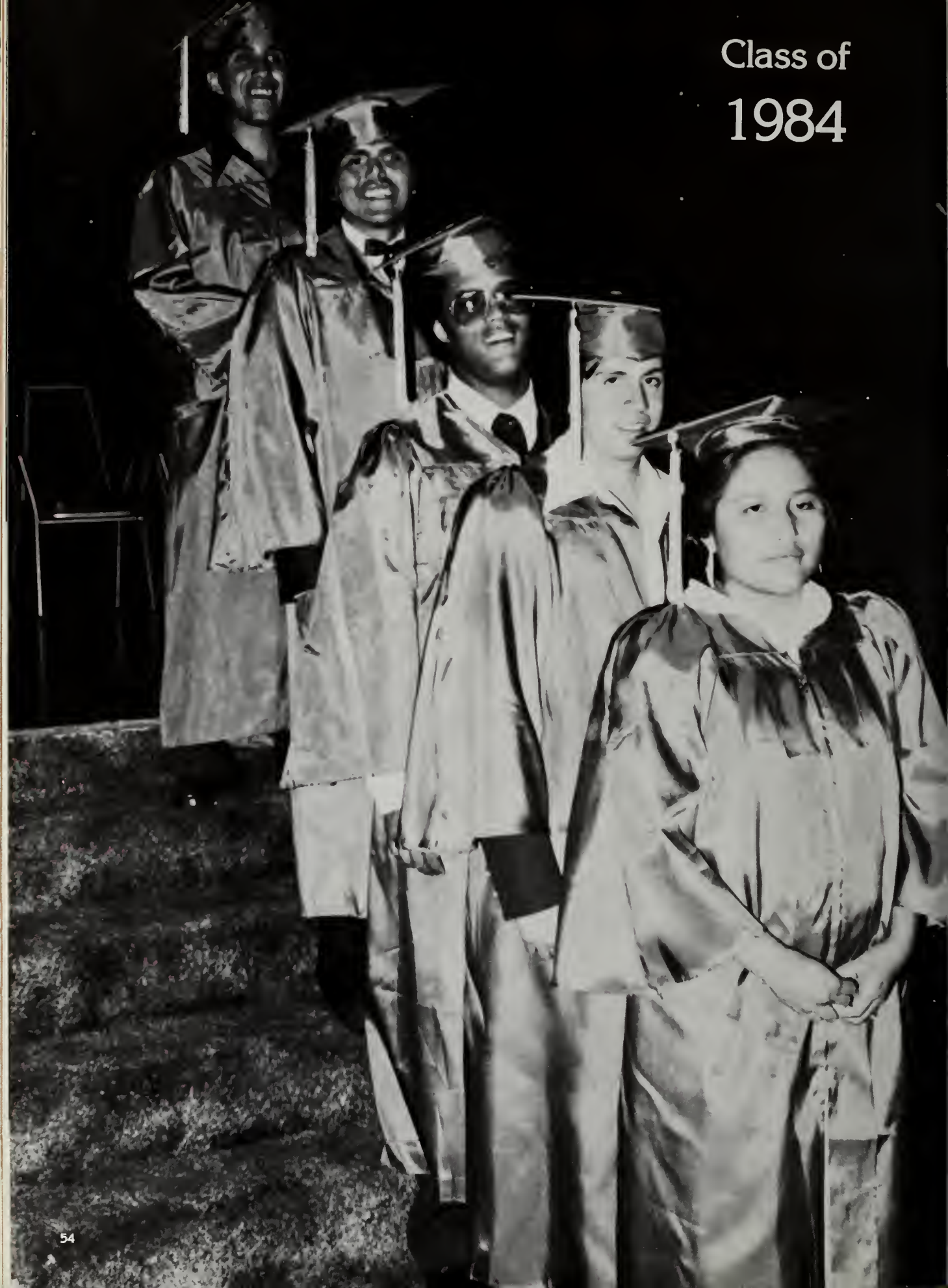
Class of
1984

During the course of a school year at NMSVH there are many opportunities for both staff and students to encounter new experiences. Some of these events prove to be special and will be remembered for many years by those involved. Perhaps some of the events in the next few pages will become tomorrow's memories. **Opposite:** The Class of 1984 was graduated during commencement exercises on May 31 in the auditorium. Graduates are as follows: (front to back) Gloris Platero, Albert Ortiz, Mike Power, Duran DuBoise, Marcos Romero. Raymond Gallegos was not present but was also awarded his diploma by one of the members of the NMSVH Board of Regents. The class selected the Zia sun symbol as their class symbol and chose "shades of blue" as class colors. Susan Wride was their class sponsor. **Lower left:** Bill Winkley, executive director of the El Paso Lighthouse for the Blind, delivered the commencement address. He told the graduates: "No one can fill your job as captain. The end product will be yours, and yours alone." **Lower right:** Superintendent Jerry Watkins (center) says his "goodbyes" to Duran DuBoise and Mike Power. **Upper:** Four members of the Class of 1984 were at the junior/senior banquet with sponsor Susan Wride. (pictured are left to right) Duran DuBoise, Mike Power, Susan, Marcos Romero and Albert Ortiz.

ROWDY-O

May 25 students and staff took a break from the routine and participated in "Rowdy-O" competition. The day was sponsored by the student council. **Opposite upper:** Kelly Burma (right) and Frankie McMurdie were teammates in the banana eating contest. **Opposite, lower left:** The Space City Squares provided square dancing entertainment during the "Chuckwagon Dinner" following the day of competition. **Opposite lower right:** Darlene Ortiz, Gloria Lopez, Oletha Davis and Christine Tsethlikai climbed to the top of the monkey bars for a better view of the games. **Upper left:** Wanda McLain and Wanda West "tied up" during basketball competition. The team of Bill Davis, Kevin Eoff, Jack Harmon, David Ingersoll and Caroline Lawrence emerged victorious. **Upper right:** Barbara McDonald and Anna Mixon "loosened up" for competition in the womens' 50 meter dash under the watchful eye of Mark Carter. **Lower right:** Frankie McMurdie won this heat in the sack race and edged out Seriashia Chatters and Jimmy Braddock.

Each year several youngsters in the multihandicapped program at NMSVH participate in competition in Special Olympics. 1983-84 was another good year for our special athletes. Swimming competition was held on our campus as in past years, but this year also marked the first time track and field events were held here. **Upper:** Dennis Baca and Eric Lopez entered in the distance running events and each landed a ribbon for their efforts. **Lower:** With the guidance of Betty Weber, director of the multihandicapped program, Michelle Lucero launches a bowling ball toward the pins. **Opposite upper:** May 19 the Mountain Creek Rallye Club of Fort Worth held a road rally on the NMSVH campus. Students served as navigators for the drivers who followed a 50-mile course. Winners were as follows: (back row left to right) Darlene Ortiz, large print; Jimmy Braddock, recorded; Eric Lilliequist, braille. Their drivers were (left to right) Brian Soistman, Alamogordo; Mark Kirby of the Mountain Creek Rallye Club, Fort Worth; Bob Foree, Historical Vehicle Association, Alamogordo. **Opposite lower left:** Randy Bonnell and a friend cooked hamburgers in the rose garden for the rally participants. **Opposite lower right:** During April the student council sponsored "Hat Day." Hazel Hahn's class came to school in style. Members are as follow: (front to back) Frankie McMurdie, Seriashia Chatters. Sarah Isambert, Angie Pena, Jimmy Braddock, Kelly Burma and Conrad Davis.

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Braille Readers Do It With Feeling...
Large Print Readers Do It With Boldness
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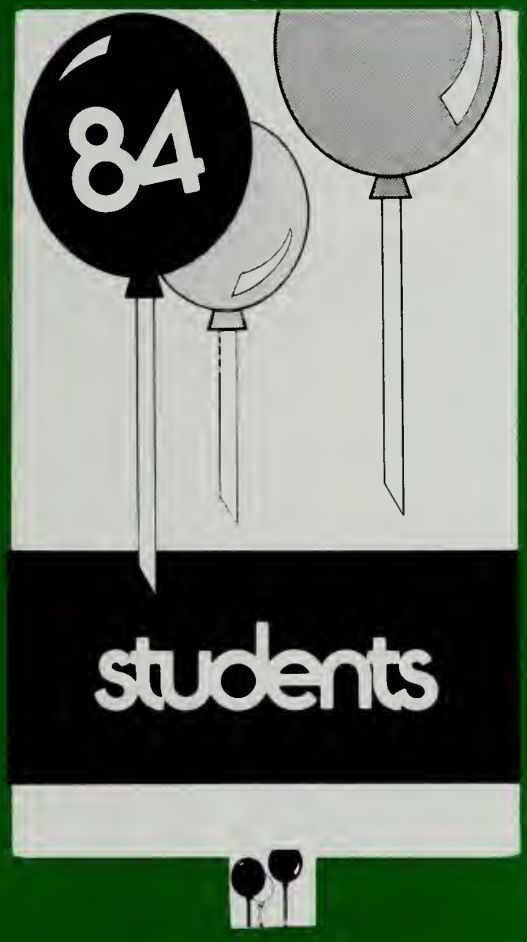
In May the annual awards assembley was held in the Bert Reeves Learning Center. During the course of the afternoon, many students were recognized for their accomplishments during the 1983-84 school year. **Upper:** Wanda McLain presented a home economics award to Eric Lopez. **Lower:** Mike Power received the Wendy White Foundation Scholarship presented by the Alamogordo Optimist club.

Upper: Hazel Hahn presented several awards to members of her primary class. She recognized Conrad Davis for his achievements during the school year. **Lower:** Barbara McDonald presented the Woodman of the World award to Eric Lilliequist. The outstanding American History student is the recipient of this honor. Eric was also recognized for excellence in other academic areas as well.

Upper: Jody Sanchez was given a certificate for his creative writing abilities. Jody's poetry was selected for honors in a contest sponsored by an organization in El Paso. Domenick Ludi and Patty Harmon also had their work chosen in the contest. **Lower:** Mark Carter presented an orientation and mobility award to Roberta Price. Roberta showed much improvement over the year in her travel skills.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Robert Abeyta
Jack Anderson
Becky Baca

Dennis Baca
Lucio Baca
Lillian Bob

Kelly Burma
Lola Casares
Michelle Chacon

Seriashia Chatters
Paula Clouthier
Reggie Cordova

Chuck Crawford
Kelly Crosby
Conrad Davis

Left: Mike Power was captured coming down the hall in the Bert Reeves Learning Center on "Backwards Day." This day and several others were sponsored by the student council during "Spirit Week." **Lower:** Eric Lilliequist was kept busy most of the year, but on this day he found time to catch a few winks in the morning sun.

Oletha Davis
Sylvia Dooley
Johnna Dorsett

Duran DuBoise
George Ferry
Freddie Freeland

Chris Gabaldon
Raymond Gallegos
Josette Garcia

Wanda Heffron
David Ingersoll
Sarah Isambert

Johnny Knapp
Jesse Labeouf
Ron Labeouf

Eric Lilliquist
Eric Lopez
Gloria Lopez

Joseph Lopez
Ron Lowe
Don Lucero

Michelle Lucero
Domenick Ludi
Kim Lujan

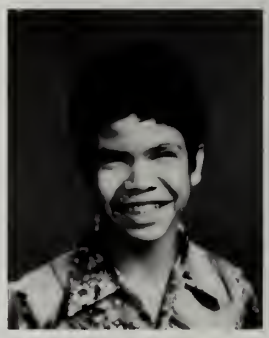
Joaquin Luna
Jolene Luna
Shawn Martin

Jaimie Martinez
Frankie McMurdie
Lee Moore

Several people combined efforts to prepare the flex bus for the annual City of Alamogordo Christmas Parade. NMSVH entered the motorized vehicle division and emerged with second place. **Upper left:** Jamie Martinez was one of the "stars" during the parade. **Upper right:** Betty Weber and Ed Ekman served as elfs and led the NMSVH entry down the parade route. **Lower:** Each night people gathered to design and decorate the flex bus for this popular Christmas activity.

Ellen Nolan
Lawrence Otero
Albert Ortiz

Brenda Ortiz
Merlin Ortiz
Robert Ortiz



Corey Patricio
Angie Pena
Gerald Peralta

Brenda Platero
Gabriel Platero
Roberta Price

Adrian Rodriquez
Marcos Romero
Joe Saavedra

Gee Gee Samora
Jody Sanchez
Elaine Sandoval

David Sillers
Cheryl Smith
Celena Tekela

Christine Tsethlikai
Steve Ulrich
Lisa Wade

Marita Watchman
Dee Ann Weber
Tiffany Werner

Martin Zamora

The New Mexico Pre-School for the Visually handicapped, located in Albuquerque, serves children from birth through six years of age. Joe and Betty Dominguez have operated the pre-school since it began operation in 1974. Joe is also the Field Services director for NMSVH. Presently there are about 20 students who attend the pre-school on a regular basis. **Lower left:** Ernest Baca enjoys a sunny afternoon by swinging on the playground. Several new pieces of playground equipment were added this year. **Upper right:** Some of the pre-school gang posed for this shot on the front porch of the school in May. **Lower right:** Elisia Sedillo found the merry-go-round to be her favorite piece of playground equipment.

Upper left: Mona Saiz was very pleased to give a demonstration of the panda bear on the preschool playground. Some of the new equipment was purchased by New Mexico Pre-school for the Deaf which is next door. **Upper right:** Mona also spent time working on the sign board. Here students get an opportunity to test their reading and spelling skills. **Lower left:** Ernie Byers prepares to work with a peg board which strenthens hand-to-eye coordination and fine motor skills. **Lower right:** John Peterson, Zoe Riley and Justin Brewer enjoyed a snack break while visiting the Rio Grande Zoo.

Right: Pre-school staffers accompanied students and their parents to the Rio Grande Zoo in Albuquerque in May. Pre-school students make frequent field trips into the community.

Betty Dominguez
Joe Dominguez
Angeleen Gonzales

Sandra Gutierrez
Sue Segotta

Bria Blauwkamp
Ernest Baca

Justin Brewer
Ernie Byers
Nathaniel Cordova

Susanna Fierro
Larry Gonzales
Brianne Kotswar

Miranda LaCourse
Michelle Lopez
Jennifer Madden

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Jon Peterson
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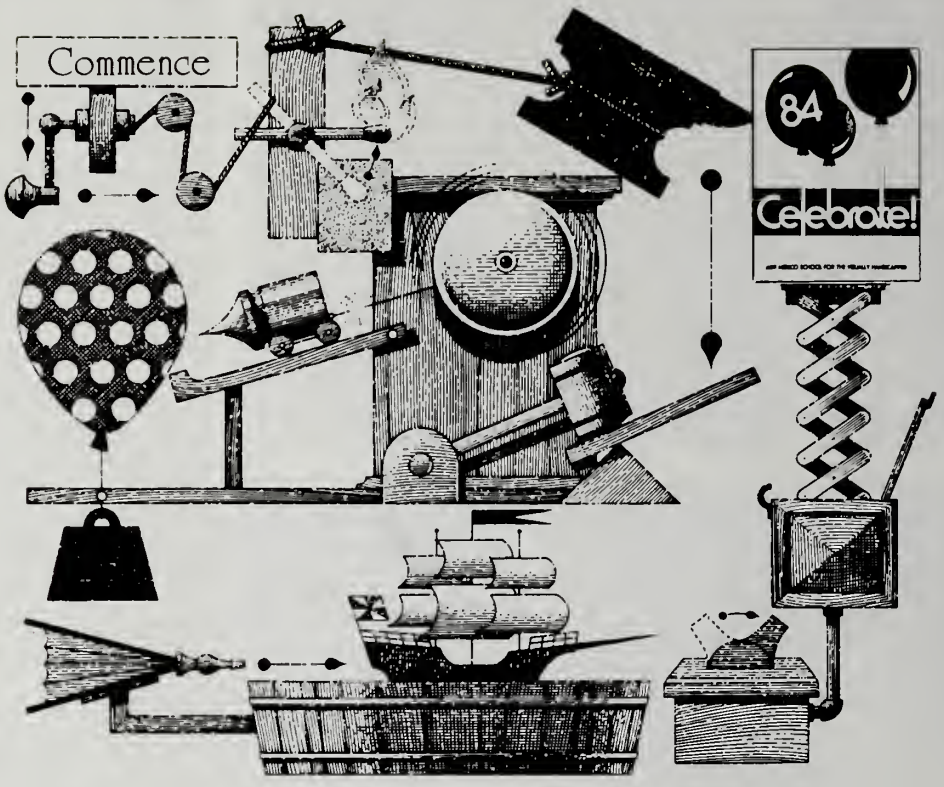

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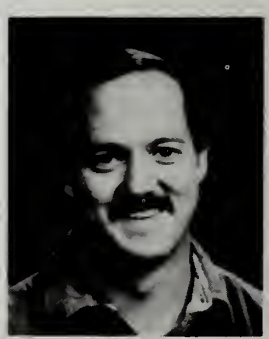

Providing nutritious, delicious meals three times each day is not an easy task. As soon as the breakfast meal is cleared away, Larry Meier and his kitchen staff begin preparing for lunch. It takes a group of dedicated individuals to keep the food services operation running efficiently. **Lower right:** Larry Meier is in charge of the food program at NMSVH. He and his staff are called upon continually to provide food for special occasions, in addition to the regular meals. Those requests are always handled in a courteous and competent manner. **Right:** Ruth Elms prepares a tossed salad for the lunch hour. Many staff and students eat in the dining hall each day. **Lower left:** Rosa Lee Clark cleans up in the kitchen so the staff can proceed with the evening meal.

Marie DiVirgilio
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Margaret Gomez
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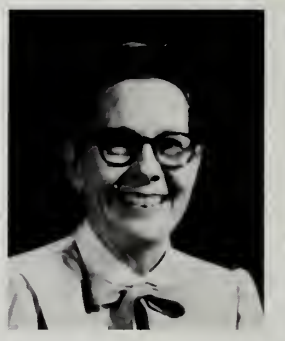
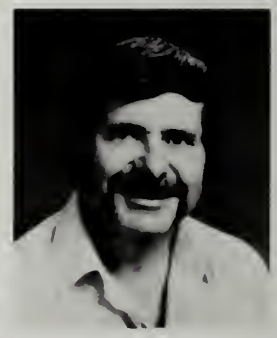


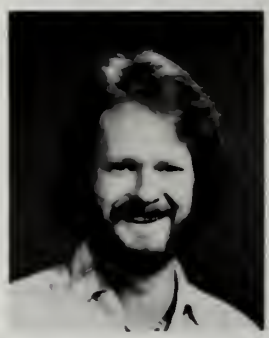


Patty Harmon
Mildred Haynes
Ruby Haynie

Left: Jeanne Gemmell reads a textbook in the NMSVH recording studio. Tom Allan operates four-track recording equipment during the session. Both are members of BRAVI, the volunteer group which works through the media center. **Below:** Anna Mixon, administrative secretary, assists with the coffee at a student and staff "get together." **Lower left:** Nancy Thompson knew how to fire up an audience. She worked on many public relations projects while at NMSVH. **Lower right:** Wanda McLain (right) present the "Teacher of the Year" award to Betty Dominguez. Parents Who Care, the parent support group at NMSVH, sponsored the award which Wanda won last year.

Judy Hendrickson
Carla Horn
Ruth Howell

Nova Hutchison
Mike Julian
Jane Korzan



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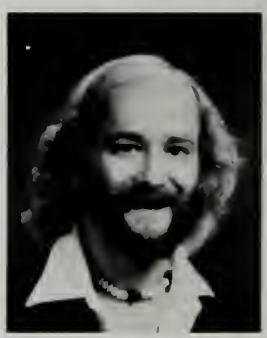

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Cecilia Maes
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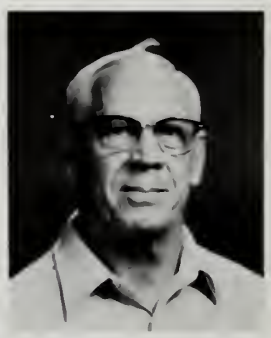

Alicia McAninch
Barbara McDonald
Wanda McLain

Left: Mark Carter, orientation and mobility specialist, helped students learn to use monoculars for various exercises in his class. On this day Mark seems to have locked onto something out of the ordinary. **Right:** Zuleikha and Chris Spanovich had to demonstrate their "complete attire" the night of the home economics style show. Wonder if Mark ever got that monocular to focus correctly?

Katie McMurtrey
Larry Meier
Eva Montoya

Julia Montoya
Nita Morris
Frances Orona

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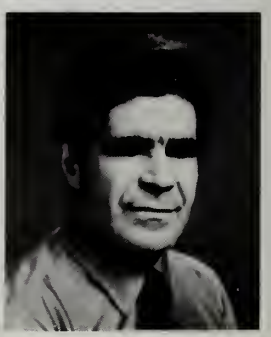

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Dora Vaughns
Pat Vigil

Diane Wareman
Betty Weber
Wanda West

Glenna Wilmot
Pat Woodle
Marilyn Woods

Susan Wride

Right: Betty Weber (right) presents a certificate of appreciation to Lucilla Baroz at a special luncheon held for the foster grandparents who spend time each day working in the multihandicapped program. Each grandparent is assigned to a young person at the beginning of the year and gets involved in many activities with that child.

Lucilla Baroz
Elaine Bynum
Leyla Damon

Eliza Eaden
Pearl Hilliard
Virginia Parr

Esther Pena
Antonio Samora
Susie Smith

Jeter W. Bryan

Jeter W. Bryan, who served as a member of the NMSVH Board of regents for two years, died January 22 at Gerald Champion Memorial Hospital in Alamogordo. Bryan was invloved in the newspaper business for 50 years and served as editor of four New Mexico newspapers. He retired from his position as managing editor of the Alamogordo Daily News in December, 1981.

While on the board of regents he worked diligently and enthusiastically to improve educational programs at NMSVH. His friendship and devotion to the school will always be remembered by those who knew him. **We are proud to dedicate the 1983-84 annual to our friend, Jeter Bryan.**

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